Subsynchronous oscillations – aspects and experiences from Finland
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Subsynchronous oscillations and Finnish transmission network

- the transmission path from Central Finland towards Scandinavia is strongly series compensated
  - degree of compensation 70-75%
  - 11 series compensators
- the large 400 kV network connected units located in South and Southwest coast
  - HVDC SSTI has been more of interest
- wind power is mainly connected on westers shore line but on lower voltage level (110 kV)
- the connection point of Hanhikivi plant to 400 kV network is in vicinity of series compensated part of the grid

![Map of Finnish transmission network](image-url)
Case 1: Planning studies to address HVDC SSTI for five torsional oscillation modes

References:


Planning SSO on Rauma region

- during period 2005 and 2013 SSO conditions in Rauma region were under constant change
  - commissioning of Fenno-Skan 2
  - C&P upgrade of Fenno-Skan 1
  - uprate of Olkiluoto 1 and 2
  - planned commissioning of Olkiluoto 3
  - network reinforcements for Fenno-Skan 2 and Olkiluoto 3

| Torsional frequencies considered in the study [Hz] |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 6               | 9.5             | 10.5            | 14.5            | 19.5            |

Fig 5.1: Different phases of structural changes in the Southwest part of Finnish 400 kV network.
Study approaches and methods to consider HVDC SSTI during network planning

Lessons learned (HVDC SSTI and five 5-20 Hz torsional modes)

- Under conditions affected by numerous uncertainties
  - guarantee high level of flexibility in damping circuit design

- Get rid of uncertainties affecting the estimated SSTI risk
  - guarantee availability of methods to reduce the number of uncertainties affecting the estimated SSTI risk level

- Communicate
  - find an approach to illustrate the effect of uncertainties (and find a way to figure out what's the existing level of subsynchronous torsional damping...)

Fig. 2.6 Overview of the transmission network planning process and the role of the HVDC SSTI studies in it
Case 2: HVDC SSTI and SSO protection coordination

References:
The scope of the SSO protection related study

The three questions to be answered

- Effect of parallel AC network on selectivity of SSO protection based on local frequency measurement
- Effect of structure of HVDC system on selectivity of SSO protection based on local frequency measurement
- Special case of two different torsional modes that are 1 Hz apart and that are modes of two different unit
Effect of HVDC on subsynchronous variation in local frequency measurement (both poles with SSDCs)
Effect of structure of HVDC on local frequency measurement

- variation in short circuit level results in significant variation in amplitudes of subsynchronous components
  - selectivity of protection based on local frequency measurement cannot be guaranteed
- identical HVDC's and generators would have decreased the variations
  - nevertheless, the effect of SCL dictates the level of variation
  - the study also ignored the differences in torsional characteristics

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The main reasons for rejecting HVDC tripping SSO protection

Relatively large range of operating conditions under which HVDC may have adverse effect on torsional damping

No reasonable selectivity could have been obtained without complex telecom arrangements and control/logic systems

SSO protection should have been implemented for both poles

Risk of losing both poles as well risk of significant momentary increase in amplitude of SSO

Unit tripping SSO protection scheme was recommended as the last line of protection
Case 3: Monitoring of total torsional damping using PMUs

References:


SSO detection using PMUs

Fig. 4.13 Example of a post-disturbance recording of the recorded phasor quantities from field measurements: a) voltage amplitude, b) voltage angle, c) current amplitude, d) current angle, e) frequency, f) rate-of-change of frequency
Effect of Olkiluoto 1 and 2 uprates on SSO

Figure 5.4 Examples of subsynchronous components in the post-disturbance PMU frequency at different stages of the refurbishment projects (see Table 5.2)
Measured high amplitude SSO and estimated damping (two year period from summer 2006)

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Case 4: SSR torque amplification in meshed series compensated network

References:
Series compensation projects

1997:  
Finland-Sweden intersection with 70% 

2001:  
North-South intersection with 50 %

2007:  
Upgrade of North-South up to 75%

2009:  
Lines connecting two main hydro rivers with 70%

What if a large turbogenerator would be connected right in the middle of series compensated network?
Scope of subsynchronous oscillations related method development work – starting point

- 2nd IEEE Benchmark - System-1
  - provided mainly for SSR TI method validation
    ... but does not make much sense concerning the nature of the SSR TA in meshed series compensated network
    ... and does not really address planning perspective
Scope of SSO study/development work – need of transmission network planning and development
So how to deal with SSR TA method development for system planning purposes

- well if You need to analyze system with
  - tens of lines
  - tens of fault locations on each line
  - 10+ series caps
  - N-0
  - N-1
  - N-2 scenarios (and maybe beyond)
  - large amount of background network SCC scenarios

... You better make one model for method development.

TARGET:
To develope a method capable for screening 10000+ cases using frequency scanning to select some hundreds of study cases for EMT
What has been done to demonstrate the case: First step: a comprehensive SSR TI study

- SSR TI study was carried out for the meshed series compensated model presuming unit with highest torsional frequency of 15 Hs
- then the SSR TA was analyzed using the traditional approach and using EMT
- the results were analyzed to
  a) evaluate the feasibility of traditional frequency scanning approach
  b) evaluate what improved frequency scanning method should take into account
- two representative cases out of 5000+ cases were chosen for this paper to illustrate the findings

Example of SSR TI study result
(not relevant with regard the paper)
For those two cases, what does the traditional approach indicate?

Case 1: Not interesting, only one small dip within the range of interest

Case 2: Interesting, several moderate dips (15-25%) and large dips (~50%)
For those two cases, what does EMT study indicate?

Case 1: Interesting, large number of distant faults equal to close-by faults

Case 2: Very interesting, several faults exceed the level of close-by faults
So why Case 1 becomes interesting?

Charging and discharging of capacitor located moderate distance away from the generator, amplify the impulse initiating and amplifying the oscillations.
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